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SUBJECT: COMMUNIQUE FROM JALAPA MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN
PRESIDENTS, FEBRUARY 13, 1975

1. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE COMMUNIQUE
RELEASED TODAY BY THE FIVE PRESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AMERICA
AS A RESULT OF THEIR MEETING YESTERDAY IN JALAPA:

QUOTE: THE PRESIDENTS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN REPUBLICS,
GENERAL KJELL EUGENIO LAUGERUD, OF GUATEMALA; COLONEL
ARTURO ARMANDO MOLINA, OF EL SALVADOR; GENERAL OSWALDO
LOPEZ ARELLANO, OF HONDURAS; GENERAL ANASTASIO SOMOZA
DEBAYLE, OF NICARAGUA; AND LIC. DANIEL ODUBER QUIROZ, OF
COSTA RICA, HAVE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING:

(1) TO REITERATE THEIR CONVICTION THAT IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN
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THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY, A REAL AND COMPLETE

NORMALIZATION OF THE RELATIONS AMONG HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR IS INDISPENSABLE.

(2) THE CHIEFS OF STATES OF EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF REESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WITH THE OBJECT OF MAKING POSSIBLE SIGNATURE OF A GENERAL TREATY THAT WOULD REGULATE THE SUBJECTS CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTION OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS OF AMERICA.

(3) THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN, AT THE LEVEL OF CHIEFS OF STATES, A PERMANENT SYSTEM OF CONSULTATION TO EXAMINE AND EVALUATE THE IMPLICATIONS THAT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS HAVE FOR CENTRAL AMERICA, AND TO FACILITATE THE TASKS RELATED TO RESTRUCTURING AND IMPROVING THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET, AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF THE AREA.

(4) TO INSTRUCT A HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE THEIR ACTIVITIES UNTIL THEY PRESENT A PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL OF A NEW TREATY OF CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. FOR THIS, THE COMMITTEE SHOULD EXAMINE VERY CAREFULLY THE WORKING DOCUMENTS PRESENTED BY SIECA AND SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THE PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS OF EACH COUNTRY AND OF THE REGION AS A WHOLE.

(5) TO ASK THE "QUADRIPARTITE MEETING" MADE UP OF THE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY, FOREIGN RELATIONS, FINANCE AND BY THE PRESIDENTS OF THE CENTRAL BANKS, TO REVIEW AND INFORM THEIR PRESIDENTS ON THE DRAFT THAT THE HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE WILL SUBMIT TO THEM.

(6) WILL INDICATE THE CONVENIENCE OF FINDING WORKING SOLUTIONS TO THE MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF COMMERCIAL INTERCHANGE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

(7) TO ASK THAT THE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY, IN THEIR NEXT MEETING, DEFINE A PROGRAM RELATING TO THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MULTINATIONAL PROJECTS IN AGRICULTURE, SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD, ENERGY AND COMMON EXTERNAL
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ECONOMIC POLICY, ALL WITH THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING AND MAKING MORE DYNAMIC THE ECONOMY AND WELFARE OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN PEOPLE. LIKEWISE, THEY SHOULD DEDICATE THEIR EFFORTS TOWARD SOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE DERIVED FROM THE DELICATE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SITUATION, AND ALSO THOSE RELATED TO COMMERCIAL INTERCHANGE, INCLUDING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AGREEMENT OF THE VIII MEETING OF MINISTERS OF ECONOMY.

(8) TO BEGIN THROUGH THE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY AND AGRICULTURE, ACTIONS THROUGH WHICH THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES CAN ACQUIRE CONTROL OF SUPPLIES AND THE REGIONAL PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS, FOR WHICH THEY SHOULD SEEK EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS WHICH BEST SERVE THE INTERESTS OF THE REGION.

(9) THEY STATE THEIR GREAT CONCERN FOR THE NUTRITION SITUATION OF THE REGION AND THEY GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IN RESTRUCTURING AND IMPROVING THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET. IN ORDER TO STIMULATE A COMMON POLICY IN THIS PRODUCTIVE SECTOR, THEY RECOMMEND TO NATIONAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A) TO INTENSIFY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF GRAINS IN THE AREA IN ORDER TO GIVE PREFERENCE TO CONSUMPTION OF CENTRAL AMERICAN PRODUCTS TO THE GREATER BENEFIT OF OUR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS.

B) COORDINATE AND IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS IN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AREA.

C) TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF PRODUCING IN THE REGION THE AGRICULTURAL INPUTS THAT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES REQUIRE.

D) CONSIDER THE INTENTIONS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE LIMON PROTOCOL (PROTOCOLO DE LIMON) AS VALID, NOTWITHSTANDING THE CHANGES OF CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE FIELD OF BASIC GRAINS THAT HAVE HAPPENED SINCE THEIR SUBSCRIPTION.

E) TO RECOMMEND TO THE PRICE STABILIZATION INSTITUTES THAT

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THEY COORDINATE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH REGARD TO IMPORTING OR EXPORTING GRAINS, WITH THE INTENTION OF GIVING PREFERENCE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGION, AND WHILE THE MECHANISMS ARE ADOPTED WHICH WILL PERMIT ATTAINING THE OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES OF THE LIMON PROTOCOL, TO FULFILL THE DISPOSITIONS OF THAT INSTRUMENT RELATED TO HOLDING PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO COORDINATE ARAS SUCH AS REGIONAL PROVISIONS REGARDING BASIC GRAINS AND PRICE SUPPORT POLICY.

F) NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF ITS IMPORTANCE TO THE AREA, THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE HAVE ADDITIONALLY DISCUSSED MATTERS RELATED TO THE CONTROL OF COFFEE PLANT DISEASE, THE MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY, CONTROL OF HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF COORDINATING PROGRAMS OF RESEARCH ON A REGIONAL LEVEL.

SIGNED BY THE FIVE PRESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AMERICA REPUBLICS
MANAGUA, D.N., FEBRUARY 13, 1975. END QUOTE.
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